



Miners Complex Fire

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Estimated size:	1,098 acres
Start Date/Time:	July 17, 2024
Area of Origin:	21 air miles east of Darrington WA
Cause:	Lightning
Fuels/Topography:	timber, rugged terrain
Structures Damaged:	None, there are no homes threatened at this time.
Evacuations:	None

The Miners Complex consists of eight wildfires caused by lightning strikes in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The fires included in the complex are Miners Fire, Vista Ridge Fire, Dolly Creek Fire, Sulphur Three Fire, Sulphur Four Fire, Sulphur Thirty-Four Fire, Plummer, and Middle Ridge Fire.

Update: Recent cool, wet weather has resulted in minimal fire behavior over the past few days, though the fires remain active, with the Upper Sulphur 32 and Lower Sulphur 32 fires having recently merged into the Sulphur 4. Minimal growth is expected as rainfall today is predicted to continue into the early weekend.

Weather: Upper level low off the Oregon coast today will move inland tonight and weaken into an upper level trough. Showers increasing this afternoon. Good chance system stalls over the site later tonight into Saturday morning giving the area significant rain. Showers decreasing Saturday afternoon as trough moves east. Drier and warmer Sunday with upper level ridge building into the area. High temperature of 62, with light winds becoming west 5 to 7 mph late in the morning.

Smoke: For more information on smoke and air quality please visit: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

Closures: The following is a summary of the areas closed due to the fires in the Miners Complex: Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail #2000.2 from Mica Lake to Suiattle Pass, Suiattle River Trail #784, Miners Ridge Trail #785, Buck Creek Pass Trail #789, Miners Cabin Trail #795, Grassy Point Trail #788, Sulphur Mountain Trail #794, Sulphur Creek Trail #793, Sulphur Creek Campground, Sulphur Creek Trailhead, and the Downey Creek trailhead. Suiattle River Road, closure beginning at Downey Creek trailhead. The full Closure Orders visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mbs>

Forest Restrictions: The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie has a full campfire ban and forest-wide shooting restrictions in place to help prevent human-caused starts during this period of unprecedented resource scarcity. Additional details at: www.fs.usda.gov/mbs

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